



TEXAS
GOVERNOR'S
COMMISSION
FOR WOMEN

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OVERVIEW

History



1961 Following President John F. Kennedy's establishment of the United States Commission on the Status of Women, similar state and local commissions began to be established across the country. In Texas, several women's professional organizations lobbied the legislative and executive branches of state government in favor of a commission for women.

1967 Governor John Connally established the Texas Commission on the Status of Women. This commission was charged with exploring ways for women to continue their roles as wives and mothers while contributing to the world around them and with recommending ways to end unequal policies affecting women.

1983 Governor Mark White established the Governor's Commission for Women essentially as it exists today. The Commission sponsored conferences and established the State Agency Liaison Group, which later became the State Agency Council.

1984 The Commission launched the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

2003 The Commission established a permanent exhibit for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame at Texas Woman's University.

TODAY Women's commissions are found in cities, counties and states, each affiliated with government and working on the issues that impact the women in their respective jurisdictions.

A division of the Texas Governor's Office, the Governor's Commission for Women specializes in outreach, education, research and referral. Over the past decade the Commission has created the Texas Women's Hall of Fame permanent exhibit; launched a statewide education initiative for more than 27,000 students promoting healthy teen dating; donated more than \$350,000 through the Beacon State Fund to causes impacting women and children; responded to more than 1,000 individual requests for assistance; provided free career development training to hundreds of state agency employees; hosted the Outstanding Women in Texas Government Awards ceremony to recognize the achievements of female state employees; and launched numerous statewide public awareness campaigns.



We encourage Texas women and girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

U.S. women currently hold only 25 percent of jobs in the high-paying and high-demand fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



We offer Texas' military families and veterans emergency financial assistance, resources and support through our partner organizations.

Texas has the highest population of Women Veterans in the United States and is home to the largest military base in the country. There are 1.2 million military families living in Texas.



We honor outstanding women of achievement.

More than one hundred unique, talented and pioneering women are part of the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.



We promote workforce training and employment of job-seekers 50 and older.

Today, 1.5 million aged 55 to 64 are unemployed, including many women re-entering the job market after the death of a spouse.

INITIATIVES

TEXAS WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

The Governor's Commission for Women established the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984 to honor the remarkable achievements of Texas women while sharing their stories of determination and innovation. The biennial awards highlight Texas women who have made significant contributions, often despite great odds. Past honorees include first ladies, Olympic athletes and astronauts. Nominations are submitted from across the state and reviewed by a panel of judges.

In 2003, the Commission established a permanent exhibit for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame on the campus of Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. The exhibit displays the biographies and photographs of the women who have been chosen to represent the very best from our state.

PRICE Free

HOURS Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (except during university holidays)

SPECIAL TOURS
Contact University Administration Office at 940.898.3644.

MORE INFORMATION
www.twu.edu/twhf

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON



Governor Rick Perry addresses more than 400 guests at the 2011 luncheon.

The Governor's Commission for Women hosts a luncheon during legislative session years to honor the women members of the Texas Legislature, while raising awareness of the Commission's work. Proceeds from the biennial event fund the Commission's non-profit organization, The Beacon State Fund, which supports Commission programs and initiatives.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and for more than 15 years, the Governor's Commission for Women has coordinated a breast cancer awareness press event and reception. The event honors survivors, pays tribute to those who have lost their battle with breast cancer, and stresses the importance of self examination, mammograms and general women's health. Our partner agencies include the Texas Department of State Health Services, American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure Austin Affiliate, and the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.



Hundreds of pink and white balloons are released by survivors in honor of those who lost their fight against breast cancer.

First Lady Anita Perry



For the past 13 years, Texas First Lady Anita Perry has worked to promote initiatives to benefit Texans throughout the state.

Educated as a nurse, Mrs. Perry draws from her 17 years of nursing as she advocates for healthcare issues. The First Lady's initiatives complement those of the Governor's Commission on Women.



Each year, the First Lady hosts the Texas Conference for Women, an enrichment opportunity she and the Governor founded 14 years ago. The conference, the largest of its kind in the state, draws more than 5,000 women to network and hear motivational speakers and panelists on topics such as professional development, work/life balance and healthy lifestyles.

The First Lady's work in promoting tourism and economic development helps Texas continue to be one of the top three destinations in the country. Texas tourism generates billions of dollars each year for the state's economy.

Mrs. Perry earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M University, and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

MEET THE WOMEN *of the*
83RD TEXAS LEGISLATURE



Dr. Donna Campbell
Senator
NEW BRAUNFELS



Wendy Davis
Senator
FORT WORTH



Joan Huffman
Senator
HOUSTON



Jane Nelson
Senator
FLOWER MOUND



Leticia Van de Putte
Senator
SAN ANTONIO



Naomi Gonzalez
Representative
EL PASO



Patricia Harless
Representative
SPRING



Linda Harper-Brown
Representative
IRVING



Ana Hernandez Luna
Representative
HOUSTON



Donna Howard
Representative
AUSTIN



Judith Zaffirini
Senator
LAREDO



Alma Allen
Representative
HOUSTON



Carol Alvarado
Representative
HOUSTON



Cindy Burkett
Representative
SUNNYVALE



Angie Chen Button
Representative
GARLAND



Susan King
Representative
ABILENE



Stephanie Klick
Representative
FORT WORTH



Lois Kolkhorst
Representative
BRENHAM



Jodie Laubenberg
Representative
PARKER



Marisa Márquez
Representative
EL PASO



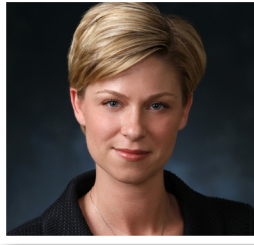
Stefani Carter
Representative
DALLAS



Nicole Collier
Representative
FORT WORTH



Myra Crownover
Representative
DENTON



Sarah Davis
Representative
HOUSTON



Yvonne Davis
Representative
DALLAS



Ruth Jones McClendon
Representative
SAN ANTONIO



Geanie Morrison
Representative
VICTORIA



Diane Patrick
Representative
ARLINGTON



Mary Ann Perez
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HOUSTON



Debbie Riddle
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TOMBALL



Dawnna Dukes
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Marsha Farney
Representative
GEORGETOWN



Jessica Farrar
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HOUSTON



Helen Giddings
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DALLAS



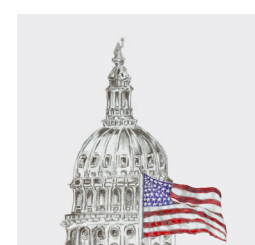
Mary González
Representative
CLINT



Toni Rose
Representative
DALLAS



Senfronia Thompson
Representative
HOUSTON



March is Women's History Month and the Governor's Commission for Women will honor the 37 Texas female legislators at a luncheon on March 21, 2013.

For more information please visit:
governor.state.tx.us/women

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

MILITARY PARTNERS

OPERATION HOMEFRONT

www.operationhomefront.net

Operation Homefront provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors.

MILITARY MENTORING PROGRAM

www.bigmentoring.org/military

In support of our country's military personnel and their families, Big Brothers Big Sisters has established the Military Mentoring Program. This program serves to reinforce the connection between a child and their parents by offering a friend and an ally to children within military families.

WARRIOR AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

www.bamc.amedd.army.mil/military/wfsc

The Warrior and Family Support Center provides coordinated services to patients, next-of-kin and extended Family Members with a primary focus on Wounded Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Warriors.

CAMP BETTER AMERICA

www.campbetteramerica.org

Camp Better America is an organization whose mission is to reconnect military families by giving them the tools they need to create, build and achieve their dreams.

F7 GROUP

www.f7group.com

F7 Group is dedicated to securing and providing resources, training, support and mentoring to Female Veterans and Women in Military Families.

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

www.tvc.state.tx.us/Women-Veterans.aspx

The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) serves Texas' Women Veterans by helping them and their family members obtain their government

benefits and services, and by coordinating supplemental services and support with local governments and community organizations. TVC recognizes and honors the contributions and services of Texas Women Veterans who have volunteered and served in the US Military, Reserves, and/or National Guard, in defense of our nation.

EMPLOYMENT PARTNERS

TEXAS WOMEN IN BUSINESS

www.texaswomeninbusiness.org

An organization that encourages and empowers female business owners to achieve their personal and professional goals through education, development, mentoring, networking, service, and leadership.

WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF TEXAS

www.womenschambertexas.com

The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas supports the economic empowerment of women through relationship networking, business and leadership development, and advocacy in the private and public arenas.

SCORE

www.score.org

SCORE is a non-profit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship.

GIRLS IN TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS

GIRLSTART

www.girlstart.org

Girlstart's mission is to empower girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL TEXAS

www.gsctx.org

Girl Scouts of Central Texas serves more than

22,000 girls, grades K-12, and 13,000 adult volunteers in 46 Central Texas counties. Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls. The EDGE (Energize, Develop, Grow, Excel) Program offers opportunities to increase girls' technical skills, confidence and interest in science and technology careers.

TEXAS GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

www.txgcp.org

The Texas Girls Collaborative Project is led by the Women in Engineering Program at the University of Texas and seeks to connect organizations and individuals across Texas committed to informing and motivating girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

BREAST CANCER PARTNERS

AUSTIN AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE

www.komenaustin.org/about-us

Since 1999, the Austin Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has been hard at work here in the Austin area raising money to provide FREE breast cancer screening, education and medical services as well as financial and emotional support.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

www.cancer.org

For nearly 100 years, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has worked relentlessly to save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Together with millions of our supporters worldwide, we're helping people stay well, helping people get well, finding cures, and fighting back against cancer.

CANCER PREVENTION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

www.cpr.it.state.tx.us

CPRIT's goal is to expedite innovation and commercialization in the area of cancer research and to enhance access to

evidence-based prevention programs and services throughout the state.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SERVICES

www.dshs.state.tx.us/bcccs

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program (BCCS) offers clinical breast examinations, mammograms, pelvic examinations, and Pap tests throughout Texas at no or low-cost to "eligible" women. Since 1991, the BCCS program has screened 288,434 women for breast or cervical cancer. The goal of Texas' BCCS is to reduce mortality from breast cancer and cervical cancer in Texas.

OTHER COMMISSION PARTNERS

GENAUSTIN

www.genaustin.org

GENAustin's mission is to support and guide girls to make wise choices as they navigate the unique pressures of girlhood.

AUSTIN COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

www.austintexas.gov/commissionforwomen

Serves as an advisory body to the city council and city manager concerning the needs and problems of women in the Austin area and shall recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront women in social, economic and vocational pursuits.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN

www.nacw.org

NACW is committed to equality and justice for women by increasing the effectiveness of member commissions and serving as their national voice.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

www.twu.edu

An act of the 27th Legislature in 1901 founded the Girls Industrial College as a public institution that would become Texas Woman's University in 1957. TWU continues today as a public university that offers a comprehensive catalog of academic studies, including baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees. TWU is the largest university primarily for women in the United States, with the main campus in Denton and health science centers in Dallas and Houston.

2-1-1

www.211texas.org

The 2-1-1 program provides Texans with free, confidential referral services to connect people to resources in their local community. Phones are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide resources for housing, child care, food stamps, physical or mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, or employment information.

TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

www.txconferenceforwomen.org

The Texas Conference for Women is the largest women's conference in the state. Please join us in Austin on November 19, 2013 for the 15th Annual Conference hosted by Governor Rick Perry and First Lady Anita Perry.



Governor Rick Perry, Texas First Lady Anita Perry and the Texas Governor's Commission for Women.

Commissions for Women

National Association of Commissions for Women

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www.governor.state.tx.us/women

Austin Commission for Women

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Austin, TX 78719
(512) 530-8202
www.austintexas.gov/commission-forwomen

El Paso Commission for Women

Post Office Box 3897
El Paso, TX 79923
(915) 253-1616
www.elpasowomen.org

Fort Worth Commission for Women

1150 South Freeway, Suite 106
Fort Worth, TX 76104
(817) 212-2665
www.fortworthtexas.gov/boards/women

Laredo Commission for Women

City Secretary's Office
1110 Houston Street
Laredo, TX 78040
(956) 791-7399
www.ci.laredo.tx.us/lcw/Index.html

Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

City of San Antonio
Post Office Box 839966
San Antonio, TX 78283-3966
(210) 207-8998

Legislative Luncheon Honoring Women Members of the 83rd Legislature

Hosted by the Governor's Commission for Women

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013

11:30 am-1:00 pm
Sheraton Austin at the Capitol
701 East 11th Street

Register at www.governor.state.tx.us/women

